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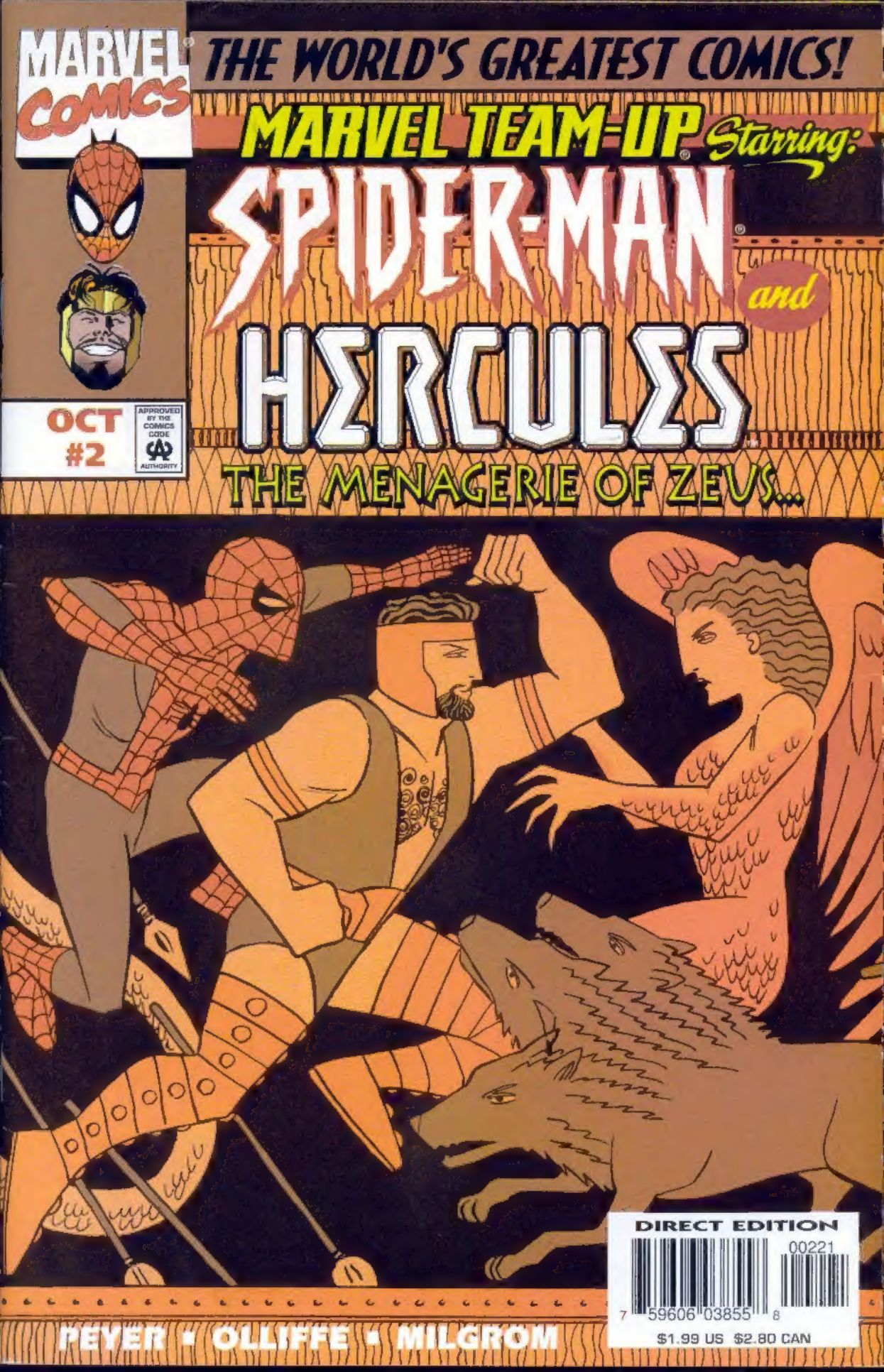
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THE BUGLE IS NOT PAYING YOUR WAY TO GREECE JUST BECAUSE SOME INTERNET GEEK SENT AN ANONYMOUS TIP!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT, JONAH!
WHY, FOR ALL I KNOW, YOU PLANTED IT JUST TO CON ME OUT OF A FREE VACATION!
COME ON! DID YOU EVEN READ IT? "CRETE, GREECE: MILLIONS WILL DIE!"
WE CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND DO NOTHING!
BUT THE LAST LEAD WAS WORDED ALMOST IDENTICALLY-- AND IT PANNED OUT! * YOU WANT TO MISS A BIG STORY LIKE THAT?
FINAL
DAILY BU
NEW YORK'S FINEST DAILY NEWSPAPER
WINDFALL OF DEATH
Armored Car Spills Poison $$$ on L.A.
* WHICH YOU ALREADY KNOW IF YOU READ MTU #1!-- TRUE BELIEVIN' TOM B.
I FORWARDED THE MESSAGE TO THE AUTHORITIES! SINCE WHEN IS THAT "NOTHING?"
NO, AND WE DIDN'T MISS IT THIS TIME! WE RAN A WIRE STORY! THAT'S WHAT DOWNSIZED PAPERS DO!
IF YOU'RE SO HOT TO TROT, PARKER--
THEY'LL PROBABLY FINE ME FOR WASTING THEIR TIME... LIKE I CAN AFFORD IT!
--GO WORK FOR A PAPER THAT STILL HAS A TRAVEL BUDGET!
SLAAM!
J. JONAH JAMESON
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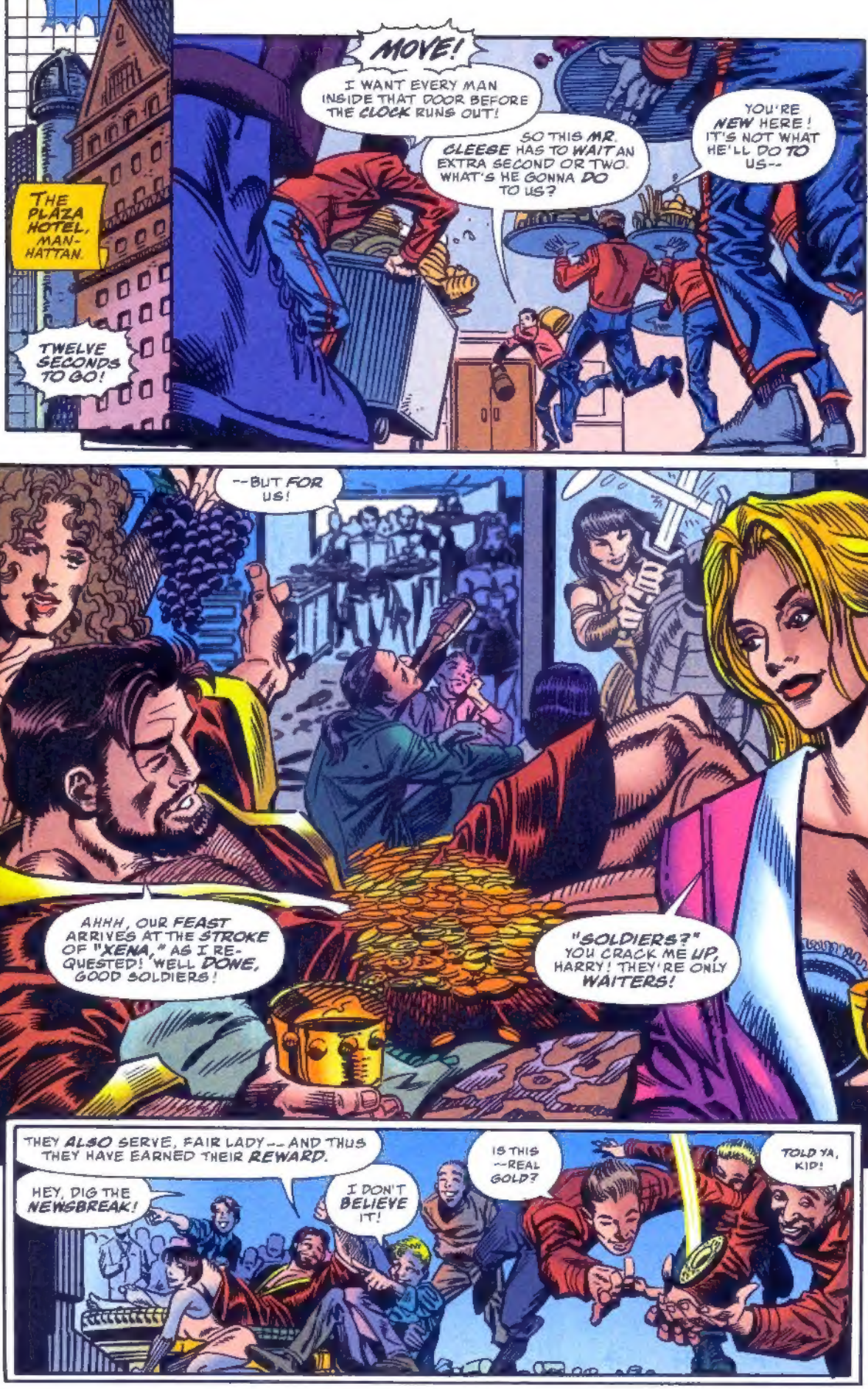
RATS! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D EVER BELIEVE THIS ABOUT SKINFLINT JAMESON...

...BUT HE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! THE BUGLE'S IN NO POSITION TO PLAY SUGAR DADDY. THAT'S GOTTA BE TORTURE FOR JONAH TO SWALLOW...
...AND HERE I AM MAKING IT WORSE FOR HIM!
TO: CLASSIFIEDS@DAILYBUGLE.COM
FROM: ANONYMOUS@UNTRACEABLE.NET
RE: NO SUBJECT
DATE: AUGUST 8,
STILL, I CAN'T PASS UP A CHANCE TO SAVE LIVES... AND TO FIND OUT WHO'S SENDING ME THESE CRYPTIC MESSAGES
SO IF PETER PARKER CAN'T PULL A TICKET TO GREECE OUT OF THIN AIR--
"--THEN SPIDER-MAN'S GOT TO TRY!"
COME ON, BRAIN! THINK! WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT'S RICH AND SUGGESTIBLE?
WHUMP!
GREEK
IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS, I COULD HAVE JUST HIT UP THE AVENGERS OR THE FANTASTIC FOUR! THINGS AREN'T THE SAME WITHOUT 'EM!
BUY USA
THE REST OF US DO A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF PROTECTING NEW YORK--
--BUT WHEN STUFF GOES DOWN HALF A WORLD AWAY, IT'S HARD TO FIND ANYONE WHO GIVES A--
WAIIIT A MINUTE!


THE PLAZA HOTEL, MANHATTAN.
TWELVE SECONDS TO GO!
MOVE!
I WANT EVERY MAN INSIDE THAT DOOR BEFORE THE CLOCK RUNS OUT!
SO THIS MR. CLEESE HAS TO WAIT AN EXTRA SECOND OR TWO. WHAT'S HE GONNA DO TO US?
YOU'RE NEW HERE! IT'S NOT WHAT HE'LL DO TO US--
--BUT FOR US!
AHHH, OUR FEAST ARRIVES AT THE STROKE OF "XENA," AS I REQUESTED! WELL DONE, GOOD SOLDIERS!
"SOLDIERS?" YOU CRACK ME UP, HARRY! THEY'RE ONLY WAITERS!
THEY ALSO SERVE, FAIR LADY--AND THUS THEY HAVE EARNED THEIR REWARD.
HEY, DIG THE NEWSBREAK!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
IS THIS --REAL GOLD?
TOLD YA, KID!

CHECK IT OUT, MR. CLEESE! SOMEBODY TAGGED THE WORLD TRADE TOWERS!
BY ZEUS--
HERC IS A WUSS
"HERC IS A WUSS." I GUESS THEY MEAN HERCULES.
THAT'S KINDA FUNNY.
FUNNY?!
KRASH!
OUT! ALL OF YOU, OUT!
--IS OVER! GO!
BUT THE PARTY--
W-WHAT GOT INTO HIM?
WHO CARES? IF HARRY WANTS TO BE A DRAG, HE CAN DO IT BY HIMSELF!

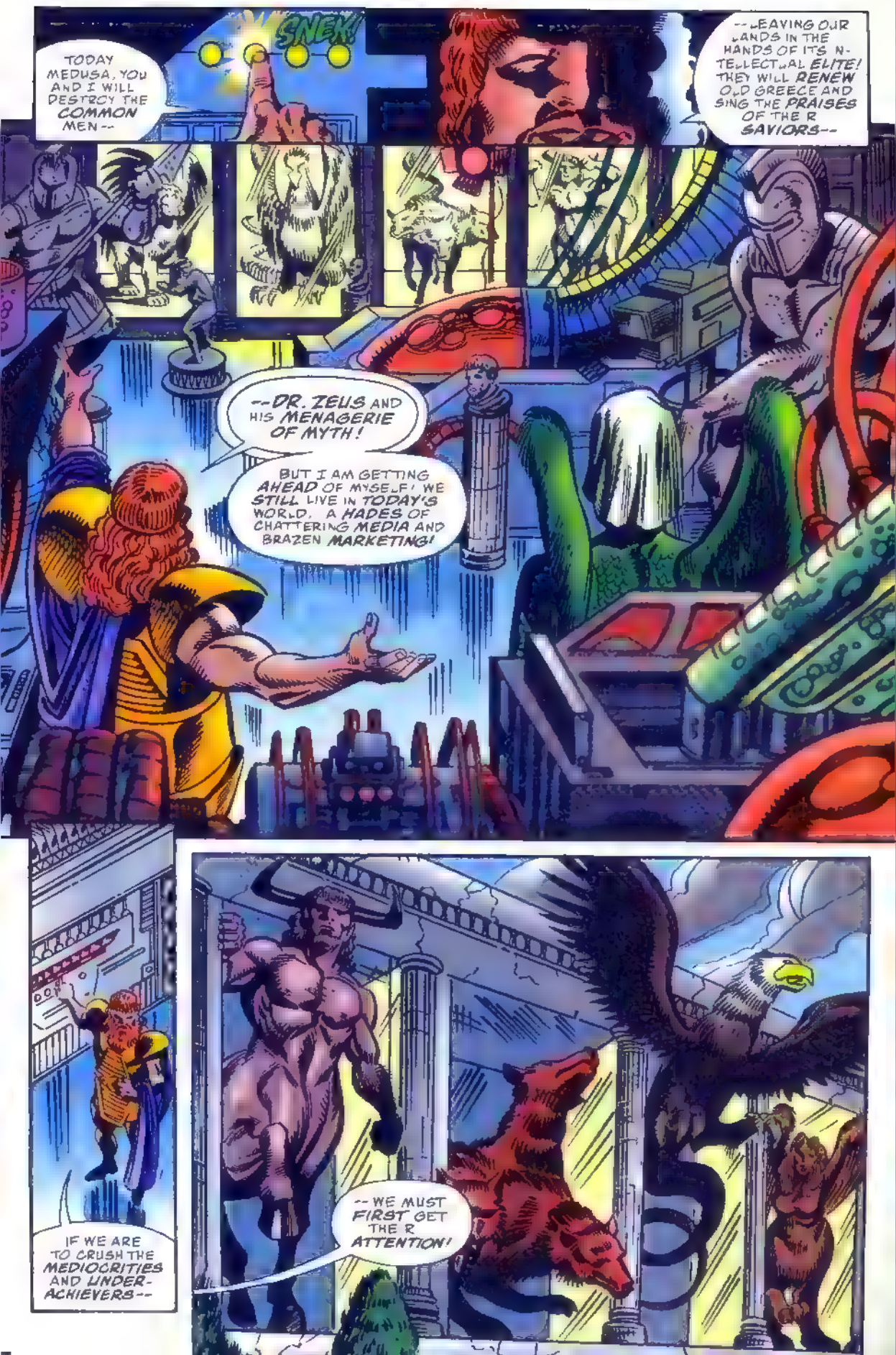
WORLD TRADE CENTER...
WELL, THIS WAS A BIG, FAT WASTE OF A WHOLE LOTTA WEB-FLUID!
NEXT TIME I WANNA SUMMON A GOD, MAYBE I'LL JUST SACRIFICE A GOAT!
WHO'M I KIDDING, ANY-WAY? HERC'S PROBABLY OFF DOING SOMETHING MYTHIC, LIKE CLEANING STABLES OR SOMETHING.
NO WAY A GUY LIKE THAT WILL EVER NOTICE LITTLE OLD--
SPIDER-MAN!
UH-OH--
R-R-RIIP!
--HIYA, HERC.
I MEAN HERC-ULES.
I MEAN MISTER HERC-ULES. THANKS FOR COMING.
SAY, I'LL BET YOU CAN REALLY TAKE A JOKE, HUH?
I CAN TAKE A FUNNY JOKE.
OH. RIGHT.
NOTE TO SELF: MAKE THE NEXT JOKE FUNNY.
OR MAYBE SKIP THE JOKES ENTIRELY. WOULD THAT BE BETTER?
LISTEN, WILL YOU DO ME A BIIIIIG FAVOR...?

THE ISLAND OF CRETE.
A BEACHFRONT SHACK FLICKERS WITH THE BLUE LIGHT OF AN OLD TELEVISION SET. A LAUGH TRACK RATTLES ITS FLIMSY WALLS.
THE MAN INSIDE HAS NEVER SET FOOT OFF THIS ISLAND, BUT YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT FROM HIS MIND.
TONIGHT, AS ALWAYS, HE JOINS MILLIONS AROUND THIS SHRINKING WORLD IN AN EVENING OF FAITHFUL DEVOTION...
...TO ALCOHOL AND SITCOMS.
BOTH THINGS BLIND HIM TO THE SHADOW THAT SLITHERS ACROSS HIS CURTAINED DOORWAY...
...AND WHEN AT LAST HE SEES THE THING THAT CASTS IT...
...WHAT LITTLE REMAINS OF HIM SHUTS DOWN FOREVER.
HURRRHH HURHH

SO, WHERE'D YOU EVER DIG UP A BUCKET LIKE THIS, BUDDY?
GOLD BUYS ANY-THING, SPIDER-MAN... AND OLYMPIAN GOLD BUYS EVEN MORE. 'TWAS EVER THUS.
THE IMPORTANT THING IS, WE SHALL REACH CRETE 'ERE LONG.
SO, THIS GOLD... YOU'VE GOT, LIKE, A CELESTIAL TRUST FUND?
SOMETHING OF THAT ORDER. NOW YOU TELL ME...
...WHY DID YOU RISK THE PRINCE OF POWER'S BLISTERING WRATH WITH YOUR SUMMONS...?
OH, YOU MEAN THE IMPUGNING YOUR MANHOOD THING.
INDEED. YOU COULD HAVE SIMPLY WRITTEN "HERCULES: CRETE IN DANGER."
AHHH... WELL...
...GOT YOU THERE QUICK, DIDN'T IT?
HA!
SLAPP!
OOOF!
NOW THAT IS FUNNY, MY FRIEND!
:WHUUUGHH:
YOU KNOW, I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR A SLAP ON THE BACK TO LOOSEN A TOOTH!
LAND HO, SPIDER-MAN! AT LAST WE REACH MY BELOVED CRETE!

NOW WHERE IS THIS MENACE THAT THREATENS MILLIONS? MY EVERY SINEW IS COILED TO STRIKE!
UHHH .. THE WARNING WASN'T REALLY SPECIFIC.
SAY THEE WHAT?
ALL IT SAID WAS, "CRETE, MILLIONS WILL D.E." IT DIDN'T SAY HOW, OR WHOSE FAULT IT WOULD BE.
WHATEVER THE PROBLEM IS, WE HAVE TO GO LOOKING FOR--
AND I THOUGHT YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE DOING!
VERY WELL. IF SEARCH WE MUST...
...WE SHALL FIRST INVESTIGATE YON CAFE.
WHAAAT?
HERC, THIS IS NO TIME FOR ONE OF YOUR PARTIES!
TO LEARN WHAT TRANSPIRES IN A TOWN, ONE MUST GO TO THE CAFE! ALL TIDINGS FLOW THROUGH THERE!
COME! THE OUZO IS ON ME!

CLASSIC
YOU HAVE PASSED YOUR FINAL TEST AND GIVEN THIS MAN A WONDERFUL BLESSING, MEDUSA
HE WAS ALREADY MADE OF STONE TELEVISION'S GAZE DID THAT TO HIM LONG AGO.
WHAT YOU DID WAS RESTORE HIS NATIONAL BIRTH-RIGHT OF ANCIENT, CLASSICAL ELEGANCE
ONCE LONG AGO, OUR COUNTRY LED THE WORLD WE GAVE IT ART, PHILOSOPHY MATH, MYTH, AND DRAMA
NOW OTHERS LEAD, AND WHAT DO THEY GIVE US? BAY-WATCH AND FRIED CHICKEN. AND WE LAP IT UP!
OUR LAND GROWS IDENTICAL TO EVERY OTHER LAND THE DEVELOPERS CALL IT GLOBALIZATION, AS IF IT'S A GOOD THING
BUT MY WORK IN GENETIC RES-TORATION-- STARTING WITH YOU, MY MEDUSA - WILL REVIVE THE MYTH AND MAGIC OF ANCIENT GREECE--
--AND LIFT CIVILIZATION'S CRADLE FROM GLOBALIZATION'S GUTTER!
Burger Clown


SNEK!
TODAY MEDUSA, YOU AND I WILL DESTROY THE COMMON MEN--
--LEAVING OUR LANDS IN THE HANDS OF ITS N-TELLECTUAL ELITE! THEY WILL RENEW OLD GREECE AND SING THE PRAISES OF THE R SAVIORS--
--DR. ZEUS AND HIS MENAGERIE OF MYTH!
BUT I AM GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF! WE STILL LIVE IN TODAY'S WORLD. A HADES OF CHATTERING MEDIA AND BRAZEN MARKETING!
IF WE ARE TO CRUSH THE MEDIOCRITIES AND UNDER-ACHIEVERS--
--WE MUST FIRST GET THE R ATTENTION!

SPIDER-MAN IS HERE, MISTER HE IS IN A CAFE WITH A BIG MAN, A GREEK
THEN MY METHOD HAS WORKED TWICE!
THIS PROVES IT! I CAN MANIPULATE THE WALL-CRAWLER BY LEAVING MESSAGES TO THE DAILY BUGLE!
THAT MEANS I CAN USE HIM FOR ANY TASK I CHOOSE--
--IF HE SURVIVES THIS ONE!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT, NIKOLAS!
YES, MISTER
<I HAVE HIM--I HAVE HIM--)*
<--I LOST HIM!)
<ANOTHER DET COKE, SPIDER-MAN?)
NO THANKS I KNOW MY LIMIT!
<HE HAS THE BULK OF A RHINO--YET HE DARTS LIKE A COBRA!)
<SURELY HE CANNOT BEAT US ALL!)
* BRACKETED DIALOGUE SPOKEN IN GREEK --TRANSLATION TOM B

WHOMP!
〈HA! 7.3 SECONDS!〉
〈YOU GOOD MEN OF CRETE SUBDUED ME A HALF-SECOND LONGER THAN ALL THE HORDES OF HYDRA COULD--〉
〈--WHICH IS AN INTERESTING TALE IN ITSELF. ONE SUMMER, THE AVENGERS AND I--〉
HEY HERC! TIME'S A WASTIN', BUD!
WE'RE HERE TO INVESTIGATE, REMEM--?
AWW, WHY AM I EVEN BOTHERING?
SMEK!
〈ONE MOMENT, FAIR MAIDEN〉
SPIDER-MAN, ONE DOES NOT TRAMP INTO A VILLAGE CAFE AND INTERROGATE THE LOCALS! ONE MUST EARN THEIR TRUST BY FRATERNIZING!
WHAT RESULTS HAVE YOU GOTTEN, SULKING ON THE WALL LIKE A THEATRICAL MASK?
YOU'RE RIGHT. I NEED TO BE OUT THERE LOOKING. THANKS FOR THE LIFT, HERC!
WAIT! I DID NOT MEAN WE SHOULD SEPARATE--!
S'OKAY! IF THINGS WORK OUT, MAYBE I'LL CATCH YOU BACK--
--HERE
AAAH!

HEY SORRY, KID! DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE--
YOU DID NOT SCARE ME THEY DID LOOK OUTSIDE!
MONSTERS!
THE MINOTAUR!
CERBERUS, THE HELLHOUND!
THE SPHINX!
THE HARPY!
THE DEAD PAST STAMPEDES THROUGH THE STREETS OF MODERN CRETE FEROCIOUS PREDATORS PLUCKING BEWILDERED PREY!

SHREE! SHREE!
TONIGHT, THE TELEVISION NEWSREADERS' USUAL CLICHES WILL FAIL THEM
THEIR FRANTIC ASSISTANTS WILL RIP THROUGH THESAURUSES, EXHAUSTING SYNONYMS FOR IMPOSSIBLE...
FOR MERCILESS...
FOR VICIOUS...
YAAAAAAH
...AND FOR HEROIC!
GOTCHA!
HEY, HERC!
WE MISSING SOMETHING HERE? THESE MONSTERS ARE TOUGH, BUT "MILLIONS-WILL-DIE?" I MEAN, REALLY!
GRAARR!
AGREED! BUT UNTIL WE KNOW MORE, I AM QUITE CONTENT TO PUNISH THESE LIVING BLASPHEMIES!
STAY, HADES-HOUND! LET THE LION OF OLYMPUS TEACH YOU A GAME!

MANY TIMES HAVE I PLAYED TH S WITH THE TRUE CERBERUS' IT IS CALLED--
--FETCH!
WHOMP!
<WHAT--WHAT IS HAPPENING? IT .S A NIGHTMARE!>
I-SAID-ARE-YOU-OKAY-SIR?
STUPID LAN-GUAGE BARRIER! MY SPIDER-SENSE S TNG NG LIKE CRAZY, BUT I CAN'T JUST IGNORE TH S GUY UNT L I KNOW HE S-
HUNNHHH!
WHAAK!
:whugh:
CRAVEN HARPY STR K NG A MAN FROM BEHIND AND FLEEING-- YOU SHAME YOUR PROTOTYPE!

SPIDER-MAN! ARE YOU WELL ENOUGH TO PURSUE THAT LIVING OUTRAGE?
JUS FIVE MORE MINUTES, UNCLE BEN
WE DO NOT HAVE FIVE MORE MINUTES! FIRE! I SHALL GUIDE THY AIM!
HEY, WHAT--?
JUST FIRE!
MANY TIMES HAS THE SON OF ZEUS PULLED VICTORY FROM NFAMY'S GRASP--
THWIIIP!
--BY TAKING UP THE WEAPON OF HIS FALLEN COMRADE!
SHOULD THIS WEBBING HOLD, THAT AIRBORNE SACRILEGE SHALL SOON FEEL THE STING OF--
--THY FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD HERCULES!

WHR-
AAH!
HA!
WELL SPIDER-MAN? WHAT DID YOU THINK OF MY LITTLE IMPERSONATION?
VERY NICE. BUT BEFORE I AWARD YOU THE JOB PERMANENTLY--
CLAP CLAP CLAP
WHRUNNK!
--LET'S WEB THESE OTHER PUPPETS UP FAST AND SEE WHERE THAT SPHINX IS HEADED!
(--HERO KNOWN AS HERCULES AND THE AMERICAN SPIDER-MAN LEFT THIS SCENE OF TERROR JUST MOMENTS AGO--)
(...AFTER SUBDUING--INCREDIBLE AS IT SOUNDS--A MENAGERIE OF MONSTERS FROM ANCIENT GREEK MYTH--)
(--INCLUDING THIS MINOTAUR, WHICH YOU'LL SEE IF WE CAN GET THE CAMERAS TO MOVE IN ON--)
;SKRIIITCH;
(PEOPLE OF GREECE--)
(MAMA! THE TV BROKE AGAIN!)
(I AM DR. ZEUS!)
(I TRUST THAT WORD OF MY BEAST ATTACK HAS DRAWN YOU LESS CEREBRAL ONES TO YOUR TELEVISION MACHINES LIKE LEMMINGS!)
(STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE--)

〈--BECAUSE I HAVE A SPECTACLE FOR YOU! THAT'S ALL YOU CRAVE, ISN'T IT?〉
〈THEN WATCH AS I UNVEIL THE LAST OF MY MYTHIC CREATIONS--THE GORGON CALLED--〉
SHREE! SHREE!
〈WHAT?〉
〈WHAT IS SHE DOING BACK HERE SO SOON?〉
SHREE! SHREE!
〈SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG, MEDUSA! IGNORE THE SPHINX AND REMOVE YOUR VEIL NOW!〉
〈GAZE INTO THE CAMERA AND TURN THEM ALL TO--!〉
KRAASH!
SO THIS IS THE TEMPLE OF BLASPHEMY!
GOT YOU PRETTY RILED, HUH, HERC?
BETCHA A BYRO THAT VICTOR BUONO OVER THERE IS THE GUY TO TAKE IT OUT ON!
〈NO--! NO! NOT NOW!〉

〈KILL THEM!〉
NOW WHAT'S THIS?
THE STATUES MOVE? THEY LIVE?
MAN, THIS PLACE IS OVERDECORATED! I CALL THAT ONE!
〈NOW, MEDUSA! THE CAMERA!〉
"MEDUSA?"
THWIP!
WAIT A MINUTE! SNAKE-HAIRED-LADY... GAZE OF STONE...
TV CAMERA!
oh, JEEZ...
〈QUICKLY, MEDUSA! CAST YOUR PETRIFYING GAZE OVER ALL OF GREECE! WEED OUT THE SLOTHFUL, THE COMPLACENT, THE ILLITERATE, THE--〉
〈MY LENS!〉

SHRAAK!
〈INTERLOPERS! YOU WILL DIE FOR THIS!〉
〈NO ONE FOILS ZEUS AND LIVES!〉
ZEUS?
〈I KNOW ZEUS.〉
〈ZEUS IS MY FATHER.〉
〈YOU, SIR, ARE NO ZEUS!〉
〈WHAT--?〉
〈YOUR POWER! YOUR LIKENESS! YOUR BEARING! IT IS TRUE! I SEE IT!〉
〈YOU ARE THE HERACLES OF MYTH! YOU ARE THE ANCIENT GREEK DEMIGOD--〉
〈--AND I HAVE DISPLEASED YOU!〉
〈MEDUSA!〉
〈MEDUSA...〉
〈LOOK INTO MY EYES, MEDU--〉

SO, HERC, DO YOU THINK--
STOP WORRYING SO MUCH! THE BEASTS ARE LOCKED IN THEIR CAGES UNTIL THE MAINLAND AUTHORITIES CAN CLAIM THEM.
I'M NOT WORRIED. I WAS JUST GONNA ASK IF YOU THOUGHT THAT ZEU-- THAT NUT HAD A POINT.
YOU SAW ANCIENT GREECE. WAS IT REALLY SO MUCH BETTER?
SPIDER-MAN, LOOK WELL AT OUR YOUNG WAITRESS...
...AND TELL ME OLD THINGS ARE NOT OVERRATED!
WELL, THIS DISCUSSION HAS TAKEN A PREDICTABLE TURN. WHADDAYA SAY WE HEAD BACK?
I THINK NOT.
WE WON THE WAR; IT IS TIME FOR THE FEAST! DO NOT WORRY, MY FRIEND... WE SHALL RETURN TO NEW YORK IN, OH...
...A MONTH OR SO.
A MONTH?
OR SO?
NEXT:
SAVAGE!